

Module 1: Understanding Chronic Conditions

Handout C-2: Alike and Different—Chronic (*front*)

Marisol

Marisol is three-years-old and new to Head Start. All this week—off and on—she’s complained of a stomach ache. Today after lunch, she said that her stomach hurt more. She went to the bathroom and had a very loose stool.

Travis

Travis is 18-months-old and in Early Head Start. When the home visitor arrives at Travis’s house she becomes worried. Travis is coughing a lot. He seems to be breathing fast and sucking in his tummy with every breath. He needs to stop to catch his breath while playing.

Kenji

Kenji is five-years-old. He’s had a really frustrating day! When he was getting off the bus this morning, his crutches slipped on the wet sidewalk and he fell down hard. Then at lunch he couldn’t find a comfortable way to sit at the table. Now he wants to watch the jump rope game, but it’s too hard to get across the gravel on the playground. He throws his crutches down and starts crying.

Tiare

Tiare is four-years-old. She’s playing with Sarita in the block area. When Sarita pushes Tiare aside to reach for a block, Tiare screams, “No!” She shoves Sarita hard, and Sarita falls to the ground crying. Tiare crawls under the block table rocking back and forth and sucking her thumb.

Govind

Govind is three-years-old. When the teacher calls that it’s time to come in from playing in the park, all the children line up with their buddies. But Govind is still playing alone in the sandbox at the far end of the park. The teacher calls to Govind again. Then she walks over and sits down in front of him to tell him he needs to join the other children in line. When she asks Govind if he heard her calling his name, he looks surprised and says he didn’t hear her.

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Marisol is allergic to milk.

Travis has asthma.

Kenji has Cerebral Palsy. He has leg braces and walks with crutches.

Tiare has been diagnosed as Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED).

**Govind had many ear infections as a baby and
has significant hearing loss in one ear.**
